

Run over
JMU hands the Tribe a 55-34 defeat behind the
strength of their potent running game.
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Tribe hangs tough
Fifth-ranked Georgetown University pulls away late for a
68-53 season-opening victory over the College.
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Fencing coach killed in accident

Two students listed in critical but stable condition after crash on way to fencing tournament

By KATIE BORETSKY
The Flat Hat

Peter S. Conomikes, the longtime coach of the College's fencing team, was killed in a car accident on an interstate near Richmond Saturday afternoon. He was 86.

Two of the fencers in the car, Spencer Butts '11 and Ben Gutenberg '11, were seriously injured and were taken to the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond for treatment.

"[They] are in critical but stable condition," Sam Sadler, vice president for Student Affairs, said in an e-mail to students Sunday afternoon.

In yesterday's Richmond Times-Dispatch, Tom Hennig '08, one of the captains of the fencing team, said that the two freshmen "are going to be in the hospital for a while, but they're doing reasonably well."

A third fencer, Matt Peppe '11, was less seriously injured. He was treated for a broken wrist and was released from the hospital.

The College's fencing team was on its way to compete in an event for the Middle Atlantic Collegiate Fencing Association in Haverford, Penn. Conomikes was driving three freshmen fencers in his car, while the rest of the team followed in a 15-passenger Student Activities van.

At about 1 p.m., approximately one hour into the trip, the two vehicles were traveling on I-295 near Richmond when the car suddenly veered off the road.

Luke Davis '07, former president of the fencing team and a graduate student of chemistry at the College, was driving the van that carried the majority of the team and had a clear view of the accident.

"The short of it is that his car just swerved off the road to the left and drove straight into a tree," Davis said.

He said that emergency vehicles from Henrico County arrived on the scene within five minutes of the accident.

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PETE CONOMIKES, 1921-2007



COURTESY PHOTO — LUKE DAVIS

Fencing Club Coach Pete Conomikes [left] was killed Saturday in a car accident while traveling to a tournament in Pennsylvania. Freshmen Ben Gutenberg and Spencer Butts were injured in the crash.

Lifelong fencer, legendary coach

Fencing Coach Pete Conomikes sustained the College's fencing program

By AUSTIN WRIGHT
Flat Hat News Editor

Fencers often joked that their 86-year-old coach was immortal.

Pete Conomikes fought in World War II and Vietnam. He worked for the Central Intelligence Agency. And at 86, he was still out-maneuvering members of the College's fencing team.

But the fencing community lost a legend Saturday afternoon, when the car Conomikes was driving veered off the interstate near Richmond and ran into a tree. He died shortly after.

"I couldn't even try to count the number of times over the years that we've made jokes about Pete living forever," fencer Lauren Thompson '09 said. "I think that's actually

why so many people are having trouble with this whole thing."

"He is going to be a huge loss," she added. "It is hard to find a coach that dedicated to a sport and to a team."

Conomikes had been with the team since 1972, when he joined the coaching staff of the then-varsity program. He had been a top-rated fencer and had trained under legendary fencing master Giorgio Santelli.

"Even until the time of his death, his blade-work was still better than pretty much any person on the team," Thompson said. "Just last Thursday, I contemplated asking him for a lesson but didn't because I wasn't in the mood to be totally exhausted."

According to former fencing club president Luke Davis '07, when the College decided in the 1990s that the fencing team would no longer receive College funding, Conomikes continued running the program using donations from team alumni.

"That direct loyalty to Pete should tell you

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Bias system revised

Anonymous reports no longer accepted, authority clarified

By MAXIM LOTT
Flat Hat Deputy News Editor

College President Gene R. Nichol announced changes and clarifications to the controversial Bias Reporting System website in an e-mail to the Faculty Assembly today. Anonymous bias reports will no longer be accepted, and the powers of the Bias Reporting Team are now strictly defined.

The changes come in the wake of criticism from some alumni and popular blogs. One advertisement in The Flat Hat raised the issue that students may take advantage of the reports' anonymity by reporting people just because of a grudge.

"We have been keen to make clarifications and alterations to the site to assure that it carries out its important purposes of allowing the College to respond appropriately to troubling incidents without violating norms of free expression or interfering with the processes of the faculty handbook or the student disciplinary code," Nichol said in the e-mail, in which he also thanked faculty for their input. "They also alter reporting and record-keeping practices and make clear that the bias incident team exercises no regulatory or disciplinary authority."

A clarification was added to the top of the Bias Incident Reporting website in bolded, italic text. "The Reporting System does not create a new category of prohibited behavior or a new process for members of the College community to be sanctioned," it reads. "Any report will be handled in accordance with existing staff, student and faculty policies and procedures."

Sam Sadler, vice president for Student Affairs at the College, said that changes to the site are just a clarification of the administration's original intention. "Never was authority given to the [Bias Reporting] Team to do any kind of ... punishing or anything of the sort. But that wasn't clear. I think it was critical that it be made clear, so it has been."

Sadler also explained the decision to require that students give their names when reporting bias. "Anonymous reports would never have been subject to any action," he said. "But this makes it clear that you can't notify us anonymously. If it was never going to result in action, then it doesn't make any sense."

Reports are entirely confidential, but if the plaintiff and the administration decide to take disciplinary action, the identity of the plaintiff is revealed to the accused before the proceedings begin. Sadler said that this was always the rule in judicial cases at the College. "Where an incident is subject to College disciplinary or judicial procedures, the confidentiality requirements of those procedures will govern," the Bias Reporting website now states.

Another addition to the website specifies that the College must keep records of reports in an aggregate form, without names or personal information.

Sadler said that he thinks the clarifications will put some criticisms to rest.

"I think [this is] going to go a long way to give some people some comfort, because I think there were some who were interpreting this as a totally new set of guidelines...," Sadler said. "Without the clarifications, I can see how there was confusion."

Bias Reporting Process — Steps

- 1) The Bias Reporting Team Chair reviews the complaint and decides if existing disciplinary procedures may apply to it. If so, he refers the reporting individual to the procedure.
- 2) The Chair determines whether the case is a "Bias incident." If so, he convenes the bias team to support the individual.
- 3) The team will convene within 24 hours. The team is not told the name of the reporting person.
- 4) The team decides what support can be given, and whether the community should be told.
- 5) The Chair will add the report to a database after removing any personally identifying characteristics.

ELECTION 2007

Beato elected to local board

Matt Beato and Ben Strahs tied with 3 votes, Strahs concedes

By MAXIM LOTT
Flat Hat Deputy News Editor

Student Assembly Senator Matt Beato '09 will represent the city of Williamsburg on the Colonial District Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Only one person ran for a position on the board in the general election last Tuesday, even though two people get spots. The second position came down to write-in votes, with Matt Beato '09, Benjamin Strahs '09 and Stephen Colbert all tying with three each. Both students said they were surprised to be considered for the position.

Colbert was immediately eliminated from the running, but the city had been planning on drawing lots from a hat Wednesday to break the tie between the two stu-



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT

Matt Beato '09 and Ben Strahs '09 tied for a spot on the Soil and Water board.

dents, Christine Faia, secretary of the Williamsburg Electoral Board, said.

Strahs conceded to Beato Monday night, making the drawing unnecessary.

"He is the better candidate, but more importantly, he is planning on staying in Williamsburg long-term," Strahs said.

The position on the board calls for a three-year term and was the

only unpaid position on the ballot. Beato said that he has tentative plans to stay in Williamsburg for law school.

"If anyone knows anything about me, it's that I will do this job to the absolute best of my ability," Beato said. "I think residents of Williamsburg shouldn't be concerned about this phenomenon. If anyone voted last Tuesday, they should have been ashamed that a ballot like that would ever be produced in the United States. Since literally every position was uncontested, no one — Democrat, Republican, retiree, student — had a choice at all, for any positions. I'm glad that people did write-ins to protest this."

Gregory Hancock, an associate geology professor at the College, is the only person who ran for the position. He was appointed to the board a year ago to fill a vacancy, but this was his first time running.

"The goal of the soil and water

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Corrections

In last Friday’s article titled “Student voter turnout comparable to community,” it was mistakenly stated that Zach Pilchen ’09 said that College student Steven Nelson ’10 finished second place in the race for Williamsburg City Sheriff. Although Nelson did place second in the race, Pilchen never stated that fact.

The Flat Hat wishes to correct any facts printed incorrectly. Corrections may be submitted by e-mail to the section editor in which the incorrect information was printed. Requests for corrections will be accepted at any time.


Weather

Tuesday




High 71°
Low 53°

Wednesday



High 75°
Low 58°

Thursday



High 63°
Low 38°

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Quote of the Week

“Even until the time of his death, his blade-work was still better than pretty much any person on the team.”
— Fencer Lauren Thompson ’09 on the death of College fencing coach Pete Conomikes.
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News in Brief

Judge sends former College student’s case to grand jury

A team of marine research scientists led by Mark Patterson, a professor at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science at the College, will be presenting six live underwater broadcasts from the world’s only undersea habitat, Aquarius.

Known as America’s Inner Space Station, Aquarius is located next to coral reefs in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, which lies 3.5 miles off the coast of Key Largo at a depth of 60 feet.

The broadcasts are part of “Project SeaCAMEL” (Classroom Aquarius Marine Education Live). They will present live broadcasts of experiments on coral photosynthesis, sponge metabolic activity and oxygen levels in the water surrounding Aquarius. The name SeaCAMEL is derived from Aquarius’s likeness to the desert camel, as both contain an internal life-support system.

The final live broadcast, taking place Wed., Nov. 14, will include Gloucester High School senior Michael Crockett’s historical attempt at directing Fetch1, an autonomous underwater vehicle (AUV) that he designed. Working at a computer onboard a research vessel, he will rely on a wireless internet connection to control the AUV.

College senior awarded Frank Shatz Prize for essay

Brad Potter ’08 received the Frank Shatz Prize for his essay titled “Charting a Path to Repair the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Regime.”

The essay focuses on Article IV of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which states that countries can utilize nuclear power for peaceful purposes. This clause has been a central issue of U.S. foreign policy as certain governments, such as Iran and North Korea, have used power to justify their nuclear developments.

Potter’s essay suggests that all Treaty participants should discontinue uranium enrichment and instead create a nuclear “fuel bank,” which would produce subsidized uranium to countries in the Treaty.

The Frank Shatz Prize is awarded to College seniors who have published outstanding essays in the College’s Monitor Journal of International Studies throughout the year.

— By Alisan VanFleet and Isshin Teshima

By the Numbers

\$1,000

The fine for feeding pigeons in public areas in London. One New York City councilman wants to adopt a similar fine to reduce the number of pigeon droppings.

96 percent

The graduation rate for athletes who entered the College in the 2000-2001 academic year. The average rate among all Division I schools is 77 percent.

27

The median age at which men get married, according to the Census Bureau. The median for women is 25. In 1950, the median age was 23 for men and just over 20 for women.

— by Maxim Lott



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Google, headquartered in California, gains 99 percent of their profits from ads on their search engine.

BEYOND THE BURG

Northeastern Univ. and private corp. sue Google

Lawsuit claims Google used patented technology unlawfully

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat Insight Editor

Northeastern University and a private company, Jarg Corp., filed a patent infringement lawsuit with California-based internet leader Google Inc. last week.

Jarg Corp., a company co-established by Northeastern Associate Professor of computer science Dr. Kenneth Baclawski, cited that Google used database technology that the university had patented in 1997, a year before Google was founded.

The case pertains to U.S. patent No. 5,694,593, which is owned by Baclawski and titled “Distributed Computer Database System and Method.”

“This particular patent has to do with the fundamental database architecture, which [Google] use[s] to serve up every single result they serve to you,” Michael Belanger, president of Jarg Corp., told the Boston Globe.

Google itself receives 99 percent of its revenue from online advertising, which comes in response to database keyword searches made by users.

Northeastern and Jarg Corp. both claim that Google never checked or received an opinion as to whether their technology infringed upon Baclawski’s patent. The plaintiffs also claim that although Google formally became a company in 1998, they were not aware of the violation until two-and-a-half years ago when an unnamed legal firm advised Belanger that Google’s database system strongly resembled Northeastern’s patented technology.

“When a law firm tells us that it’s very likely that the Google architecture is the fundamental architecture on which our company is founded, we have a fiduciary responsibility to our investors to do something,” Belanger said.

However, due to an inability

to pay legal fees, Jarg Corp. did not file suit until Nov. 2, 2007, when Texas-based law firm Vinson & Elkins agreed to pay the costs of the case on a contingency-fee basis. Northeastern joined Jarg Corp. in the suit not long afterward.

Google, based out of Mountain View, Calif., remains adamant that the claims are unfounded.

“We are aware of the complaint and believe it to be without merit based on our initial investigation,” Jon Murchinson, spokesman for Google, said.

Northeastern declined to comment on the issue.

The case was brought forth in the U.S. District Court of Marshall, an eastern district of Texas that is known for rewarding an average of 78 percent of cases to patent plaintiffs, according to research firm LegalMetric. However, Northeastern’s case may have to wait two years before it can go to trial.

This week in Flat Hat history

1928

Students held student body meetings as well as several conferences to discuss interest in installing a motion picture projector and screen in Phi Beta Kappa Hall. A proposal was made for films to be shown on a weekly basis for the general student population.

1965

Members of the College community formed a committee to regulate the consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus. The policy in use at the time banned all alcohol on campus. The new committee suggested that the rule be changed to allow alcohol as long as “gentlemanly conduct” was upheld.

1978

Beverly Hawk ’80 was riding the elevator up to the third floor of Landrum Hall when it suddenly dropped, trapping her inside of the elevator cage eight inches below the landing of the first floor. Landrum’s elevator, the last cable-operated elevator on campus, was suspended by a cable that had frayed and finally broken, causing the fall. Hawk was uninjured in the accident.

1984

The department of modern languages in Washington Hall received a bomb threat during classes. Campus Police were notified immediately, and the building was evacuated. No bomb was found, and classes resumed within an hour of the evacuation.

— by Sarah Hays

STREET BEAT

Who’s the hippest William and Mary alum?



Sam Sadler, he knows all.



Sam Sadler, because he wears a bowtie.



Sam Sadler, he is the man.



Jon Stewart.

Simon Sun ’11

Gilda E. Villela ’08

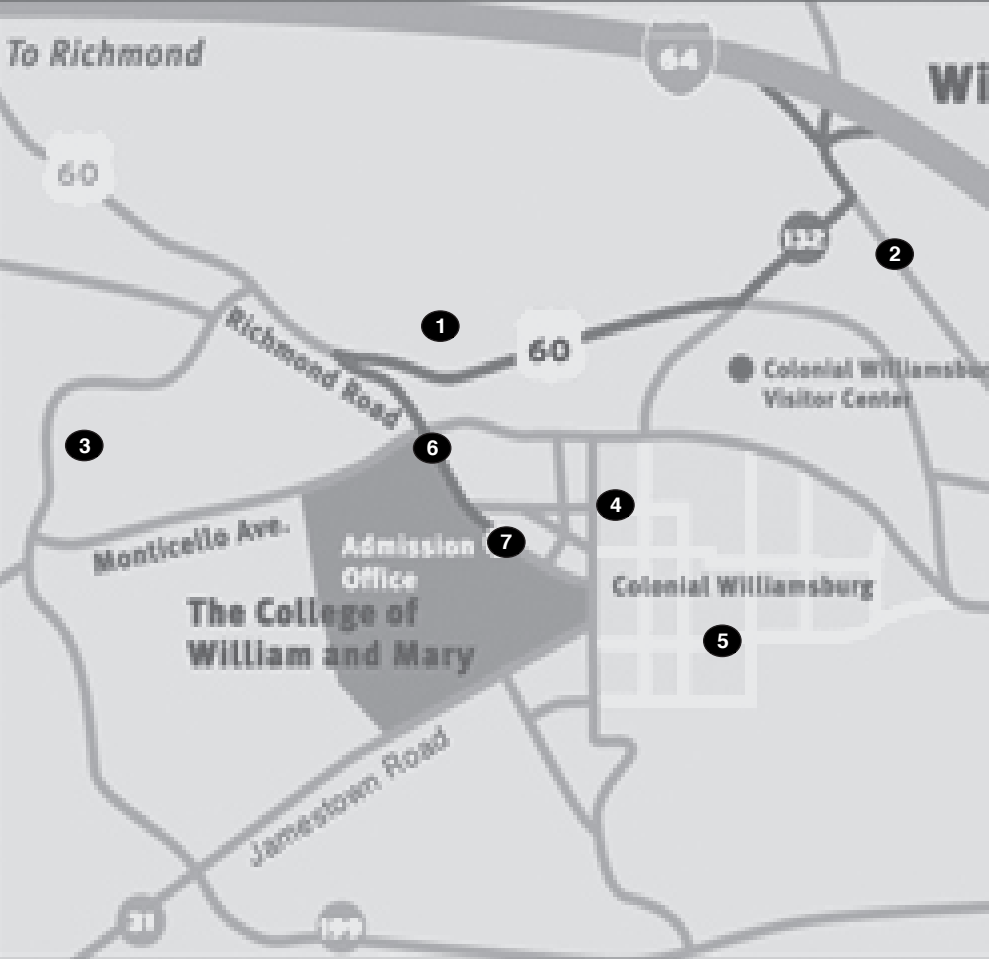
John Saur ’08

Alexandrina Maccabee ’11

— photos and interviews by Beau Blumberg

CITY POLICE BEAT

Nov. 4 to Nov. 9



Thursday, Nov. 1 — A white male was arrested on Waller Mill Road for driving under the influence of drugs, refusal to submit to a field sobriety test, driving on a suspended license and possession of marijuana. **1**

Friday, Nov. 2 — A robbery was reported on the 100 block of Merrimac Trail. The suspect, who is still at large, stole \$740 and was last reported to have been wearing a black sweatshirt, pants and gloves. **2**

Sunday, Nov. 4 — A black male was arrested on the 100 block of Magazine Street for driving with a suspended license. **3**

Monday, Nov. 5 — A Gary Fisher mountain bike was reported stolen on the 400 block of Scotland Street. **4**

Tuesday, Nov. 6 — A black male was arrested on Francis Street for driving with a suspended license. **5**

— A black male was arrested on the 1200 block of Richmond Road for being drunk in public and submitting a false report to police. **6**

Friday, Nov. 9 — A white, male College student was arrested on the 300 block of Richmond Road for being drunk in public and for underage possession of alcohol. **7**

— Compiled by Sarah Hays

Coach, 86, dies

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something about who he was as a coach,” Davis said. “[The fencing team alumni] were doing it because Pete called them, and that’s sort of the way it was with Pete. They would do anything for him because they knew he would do anything for them.”

Davis said that Conomikes touched the lives of thousands of fencers over the years, and that he will be remembered both for his tough attitude about coaching and for the way he cared deeply about each of his fencers as people.

“I just can’t tell you how much he meant to all of us,” Davis said. “Pete was just, almost beyond human.”

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The College responded immediately, offering support for the fencing team.

“The College has been phenomenal,” Davis said.

Recreational Sports has offered to pay for expenses related to the accident, including food and lodging for the families of the injured players. A counselor was brought in Saturday to talk to members of the team, and further counseling is available through the school. The dean of students arranged for those players who were not yet ready to deal with academic obligations to be excused from classes and exams for the week.

Davis said that fencing team members often ate together, especially before competitions. To encourage this tradition, Sadler signed up those team members who previously did not have College meal plans for dinner-only plans so that the fencers could eat together as a team for the rest of the semester.

Debate team has success with little College funding

By PIERRE DUMONT
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The success of the William and Mary Debate Team is a little-known secret at the College.

Just this semester, the debate team has won tournaments at the George Washington University, University of Maryland and American University. The team won awards for producing the top speaker at Harvard University and Johns Hopkins University competitions, and currently stands at second in the nation behind Princeton University. The team also boasts the nation’s top speaker.

These accomplishments have instilled a sense of pride among the teammates, especially considering that the College’s debate team receives considerably less funding than teams from other universities.

According to team member Andy Hill ’08, the team has to pay a fee every time they par-

ticipate in an off-campus event.

“It’s kind of amazing because we’re so pathetically underfunded,” Hill said.

Debate team President Lauren Bateman ’09 agreed.

“It’s been a really great accomplishment, especially because we don’t have the same funding,” Bateman said. “It’s really great to have achieved what we have this year.”

The debate team holds practices Tuesdays and Thursdays. Members are given the opportunity to participate in a tournament every weekend, either at the College or other institutions. While many of the tournaments are held in Washington, D.C., some are held as far away as Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Every year, the College hosts two tournaments that usually attract about 20 colleges from around the nation.

“I’ve learned a lot about how to speak in public,” Ben Strahs

’09 said. “It’s really helped me learn about my rhetoric.”

Strahs, now in his third year on the team, decided to enter debate because of a high school friend who had shared his debating experience. Bateman, however, was different.

“I did debate in high school, so I thought I would check it out,” Bateman said. “All of the people are so intelligent, and it’s really nice to have discussion within the college community.”

At a typical practice, members of the debate team are given five rounds totaling 45 minutes to discuss a topic spontaneously.

“It’s forced me to be ridiculously good at thinking on [my] feet,” Hill said.

Hill also recognized a larger contribution that the team has made to his college experience. “It’s been the most formative period of my life,” he said. “It’s definitely been the


most important thing I’ve done at school.”

Bateman noted the contributions the team has made not only to its members, but to the College community as a whole.

“It’s good that we provide a face for academic discourse,”

Bateman said. “We hope, given the recent accomplishments, to start more on-campus debates and involve more of the William and Mary community.”

Given the team’s success, members see little reason this should not be so.



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Ex-president Sullivan now leads museum

By PIERRE DUMONT
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Former College President Timothy J. Sullivan is currently president and CEO of the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, Va., the largest maritime history museum in the United States. It covers 60,000 square feet of space and houses rare artifacts relating to sea exploration.

"The Mariners' Museum is a truly remarkable place," Sullivan said. "It's a place of international stature in the field of maritime study ... I've really enjoyed it."

This month marks the one-year anniversary of Sullivan's

time at the Mariners' Museum. He feels he has made improvements on the facility itself and the museum, which has donated some of its rare books to Christopher Newport University, located nearby. But despite his work at the museum, the College has not left Sullivan's memory.

"I miss William and Mary every day," Sullivan said. "William and Mary has been part of my life since 1962, so it would be impossible not to miss it."

Sullivan also notices the absence of key aspects of life at the College.

"I miss most my contact with students, feeling part of a special community with a great many wonderful people," Sullivan said. "It's great to walk in beauty [of the campus] every day."

With regard to the recent budget cuts mandated toward the College, Sullivan's reaction was one of disappointment.

"I thought, 'there they go again,'" Sullivan said. "It's regrettable. It hurts not just the universities, but Virginia. I'm very sorry about it."

As for the gap between in-state and out-of-state tuition, Sullivan remains realistic.

"That's been a long-running challenge for the College," Sullivan said. "It's simply a reality we all have to live with."

Sullivan began his career at the College when he entered as a freshman in 1962. He graduated in 1966 with a degree in government and obtained a key from Phi Beta Kappa. Afterward, Sullivan attended Harvard Law School, and later went on to serve in the Army Signal Corps in Vietnam. He received the Army Commendation Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster and Bronze Star for his service. It was during this time that Sullivan says he bumped into the College's dean of the Marshall-Wythe law school, who offered him a position at the College.

In 1972, Sullivan began teaching as assistant professor at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. In 1977, Sullivan became full professor and associate dean. He was selected as president of the College in 1992.

Sullivan plans to continue at the Mariners' Museum, but he is venturing in new directions as well.

"I'm consulting with ... colleges and universities around the country," Sullivan said. "I'm going to see how that goes. It will allow me to be involved in higher education."

But there is one college that Sullivan will always have in mind.

"I loved being at William and Mary," Sullivan said. "I wished that I didn't have to leave."



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Former College President Timothy J. Sullivan now works as CEO at the Mariners' Museum. He also consults for universities around the country.

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Beato elected to board

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board is to help promote responsible soil and water use as well as management techniques," Hancock said. "We help municipalities make good decisions, and we also go out to farmers and help let them know best techniques. Recently we also started talking with homeowners, letting them know what they can do."

The board is primarily an advisory committee, Hancock said, but it also has some regulatory capacity and funding from municipalities and the state to promote responsible soil and water practices.

Hancock also said he had no problem serving on the board.

"Just like anybody else ... if the [students are] genuinely interested in the issues, and they know what the board is supposed to do, then it's great," he said. "I don't see any difference between students and non-students."



Hancock added that technical expertise in geology was not necessary for board membership.

"Most people on the board don't [have technical expertise]," he said. "The board oversees activities of conservation activities and decides how to spend money. A student doesn't need technical experience, just a desire to learn things and to figure out what the board needs to accomplish."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Bias system better defined

There is no reason to fear the Bias Reporting System.

Recently, concerns were raised as to the nature and consequences of the BRS, in particular the apparent lack of accountability to which respondents are held. However, College President Gene Nichol sent an e-mail to the Faculty Assembly yesterday explaining that anonymous submissions of bias incidents will not be accepted.

Students' names will remain confidential, but if the College decides to bring judicial action against a student, the accused student will be told the identity of the person submitting the complaint.

Despite recent outrage among students and alumni that included an Orwellian, full-page ad in The Flat Hat comparing Nichol to Big Brother, Nichol's recent clarification should put an end to these criticisms. While the concern over anonymity led some to fear that students could take out personal vendettas against faculty and other students using this new online medium, the clarification by the administration shows that this is not an issue.

Furthermore, the system is by no means new. Students have always been able to report incidents of bias. The only significant change is that the process has been made more efficient by consolidating submissions online. The punishment process has not changed, and judicial action resulting from

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website reports will be conducted in the same manner as they have in the past.

Another concern with the new system was that records would be kept detailing names and situational information for each incident. Clarifications on the BRS website now indicate that only "a database of aggregated information" will be maintained by the chair of the bias incident reporting team, and that "personally identifying characteristics" will be omitted.

Perhaps some of these critics were unaware that there was a pre-existing system for reporting these incidents. In an age in which databases, information collections and archives have benefited by using the web and other electronic programs, it seems only logical that the College would collect reports of bias in a similar manner.

We applaud the College for making this clarification, as it seems that the debate was centered on a few misunderstandings. Students must have a forum for reporting offensive behavior, much as they have in the past, and the transition to an online system is a welcome and logical next step to the system already in place. Likewise, the College has made clear that only valid incidents of bias will be considered, and the removal of anonymous reporting should ensure that students will take the system seriously.

The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author's name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may not be less than 500 words nor more than 700. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

Don't sign the PCC

Andrew Peters
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



College President Gene Nichol, to put it charitably, has a lot of folks giving him advice right now and, while I don't necessarily want to rain on his parade, what's another drop in a deluge?

As it stands, the College rates a 'D-' for environmental sustainability, every year churns out as much carbon dioxide as the entire nation of Chad and, in discussions of its response to both, most often elicits the term "laggard."

When, then, will it finally be time to take action, to make a stand, to show our resolve by signing on American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment?

Certainly not now. Preferably never.

First and foremost, the use of tuition dollars for social activism, while evidently unavoidable, is troubling. And let's not mince words — the fight against climate change is at its heart an activist movement. Economists fall on either side of the issue (discount rates, anyone?), but the rush to prevent Mali from becoming an annex of the Sahara or Bangladesh an arm of the Bay of Bengal centers almost exclusively on the humanitarian crises presented in either scenario.

Of course, the College can make both the business-minded and socially conscious camps happy by improving efficiency, but that would hardly sate the PCC and its acolytes. Climate neutrality, they urge, must be achieved "as soon as possible." For as much as it gets touted, though, there's no guarantee this meretricious mission would have a social or fiscal payoff.

To its credit, a proposal asking Nichol to sign the PCC makes a number of recommendations to increase campus efficiency ("greener" buildings, Energy Star electronics), but carbon neutrality remains the elephant in the room. Some of its other suggestions, however, such as lobbying Richmond to start buying the College green energy, bespeak a business model indistinguishable from shoveling cash into a furnace.

With our current electric bill of more than \$3 million, the prospect of switching to green power, which costs twice as much, is frightening at the very least. Perhaps it would be more responsible to begin looking at the myriad causes that, dollar for dollar, can help more with less.

The fight against malaria is one such effort. Consider that the Stern Review — a British climate report that constitutes 15 of the first 25

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citations in the proposal to Nichol — in its most liberal and academically criticized estimates, contends that in the year 2000 climate change accounted for around 90,000 deaths in sub-Saharan Africa.

Compare this figure to the anticipation that some 75,000 people in the same geographic area will die — every month — from malaria, most of them under the age of five. And closer to home, though the U.S. population is slightly more than two-fifths that of SSA, 112,000 die each year from obesity-related conditions. It's unlikely Africans appreciate the irony.

Currently, the cheapest medicine for the microbial infection is chloroquine at 20 to 40 cents per course, but The Economist reported earlier this week that its effectiveness is rapidly waning. The second line drug is hugely expensive by comparison, on the order of about \$5 to \$8 per course. Outside money would help lower the cost.

Preventative measures exist, as well. An insect repellent-impregnated mosquito net runs about the same as one carbon credit, while also offering immediate, tangible and life-saving benefits.

It's hard to fathom, then, how a mother in Namibia watching her child writhe feverishly could understand why we'd chosen to refuse helping her in favor of gen-

ulecting before a movement unable to provide anything in her lifetime, or even that of her child.

Unfortunately, the fight against climate change has arrogated the status of supreme sociopolitical movement, no doubt because the effort's evangelists preach an imminent and apocalyptic meltdown as the result of inaction. What will wilderness preservation matter if Middle America is once again the Great Inland Sea?

Atlantic University President David Hales, one of the PCC's signatories, gives us an axiom to that effect. "If higher education is not relevant to solving the crisis of global warming, it is not relevant, period," he says, eerily echoing Bush's post-9/11 edict, "You are either with us or against us."

It is time to take a stand of a different kind, to fly in the face of such heady proclomations and challenge the climate change hegemony. Carbon dioxide emissions are hardly the be-all and end-all of global stewardship, and bleating carbon neutrality is the opposite of a solution.

As one of the nation's leading universities, we should resolve to seek the most effective — not necessarily the most popular — means of meeting today's humanitarian crises. With that in mind, Nichol, responding to the PCC requires your paper shredder, not your pen.

Andrew Peters is a junior at the College.



By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Secrecy for the College's sake

Max Fisher
FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



There has been much controversy over College President Gene Nichol's decision not to publicly release his e-mail correspondence with former College President Timothy Sullivan. While it is true that Nichol's secrecy is not helping his often-besieged public image, releasing the e-mails could be just as or more harmful to the College than their retention.

Consider: You are a high-ranking member of the College administration, maybe a department head or dean. Your boss, Nichol, publicly releases some of his private e-mails, portions of which appear in the newspaper.

How confident are you that your own e-mails with him might not also become public? Might this affect your willingness to discuss staff problems or other sensitive matters with Nichol? Might you start to believe it safer to not mention them at all, to leave them unsolved and unaddressed, than to risk their appearing in next week's newspaper? Isn't the ability to run an institution with a staff of thousands dependent on promising employees discretion and privacy?

This is strictly hypothetical for you and me, of course. But, should Nichol release the e-mails, there are quite a few College leaders and administrators who will be forced to ask themselves these very questions. And should one — just one — answer in the affirmative, the administration of the College, and thus the College itself, will be damaged far beyond the benefits of releasing these e-mails.

The Flat Hat and other newspapers are right

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to request these e-mails. Secrecy in leadership can be a terrible, cancerous impediment and the media has a responsibility to reject it. But these e-mails were also written as private correspondence, and Nichol is not just a public leader with public responsibilities; he is a private citizen with the right to privacy. The e-mails, it seems, are simultaneously public and private information. Which right trumps which — that of the public or that of the individual — is not clear, but both must be considered in this complex issue.

As the Nov. 2 staff editorial in The Flat Hat pointed out, Nichol would be wise to release these e-mails, as doing so "would clear his name and end some of the attacks from critics who have undergone extensive efforts to discredit Nichol." I imagine that no one knows better than Nichol himself that releasing the e-mails would help his public image (not to mention end the legal question of whether he even has the right to withhold them).

However, releasing the e-mails would also irreparably damage Nichol's ability to openly communicate with, and thus lead, the many important figures involved in running the College. I suspect that Nichol knows this as well.

I believe Nichol is likely telling the truth regarding these e-mails, given his honesty and humility in significantly more embarrassing cases, such as his admission that he was wrong to remove the Wren cross without checking with the student body first.

If I am right, then Nichol's decision to withhold the emails can only hurt his public image while protecting the cohesiveness and efficiency of the College leadership. And what is a leader, if not someone who will engage in personal self-sacrifice for the good of that which he leads?

Max Fisher is a senior at the College.

Letters to the Editor

Disputed beard column
To the Editor:

It is completely unfair and biased that you allow Charolatte Savino to print her slanderous reports against the bearded community.

I wrote a polite e-mail describing our position last week, and yet it did not get published. What does get published? Quotes used out of context and without permission defiling the good name of our group. This is unfair and wrong. Why is the good name of people with beards being dragged through the mud without fair and adequate representation?

Is this what The Flat Hat stands for? Unfair and unbalanced slander?

I certainly hope not, and you can prove this to me by printing this as a letter to the editor.

— Zach Claywell '10, creator of "The Official No-Shave November" Facebook group.

Response to Gazette editorial
To the Editor:

The Flat Hat correctly points out in its Nov. 6 staff editorial, "Gazette report misleads," that Susan Robertson's conclusion in The Virginia Gazette is at the least premature and at the worst an egregious attack not yet supported by the facts in evidence. But you should be aware that journalists who tend to make this kind of mistake often know more than the rest of us and are acting upon information or sources they have not yet nailed down.

Their editor's job is to hold the piece until it is properly backed. A classic case is former Washington Post Executive Editor Ben Bradlee's interaction with Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein during their Watergate coverage.

The Flat Hat is basically right that, without direct and on-the-record statements or documents from the prime parties who have knowledge of the December interaction between such participants as College President Gene Nichol, former President Timothy Sullivan and James McGlothlin, neither The Flat Hat, The Virginia

Gazette nor anyone else can draw any verifiable conclusion yet.

But, ironically, The Flat Hat then goes on and makes just as significant a journalistic error of its own in the penultimate paragraph of this editorial.

There is no reason The Flat Hat has cited in its editorial to exclude Robertson's conclusion as a possible alternative explanation. Not to include an equally likely, if more unpleasant theory, gives a false impression of The Flat Hat's partiality.

As a professional mainstream media reporter, editor and commentator for many years, I would suggest you might have done better to add the following to the end of the last line of that paragraph:

"Nichol may have lied about not knowing about the withdrawn gift and ignoring that knowledge in making an official statement that pretended that the College had exceeded its target six months early. The fact remains that until we have first-hand testimony or the documents The Flat Hat and others have FOIAed, we are not able to draw any of the conclusions above. And neither, so far as we know, is anyone else."

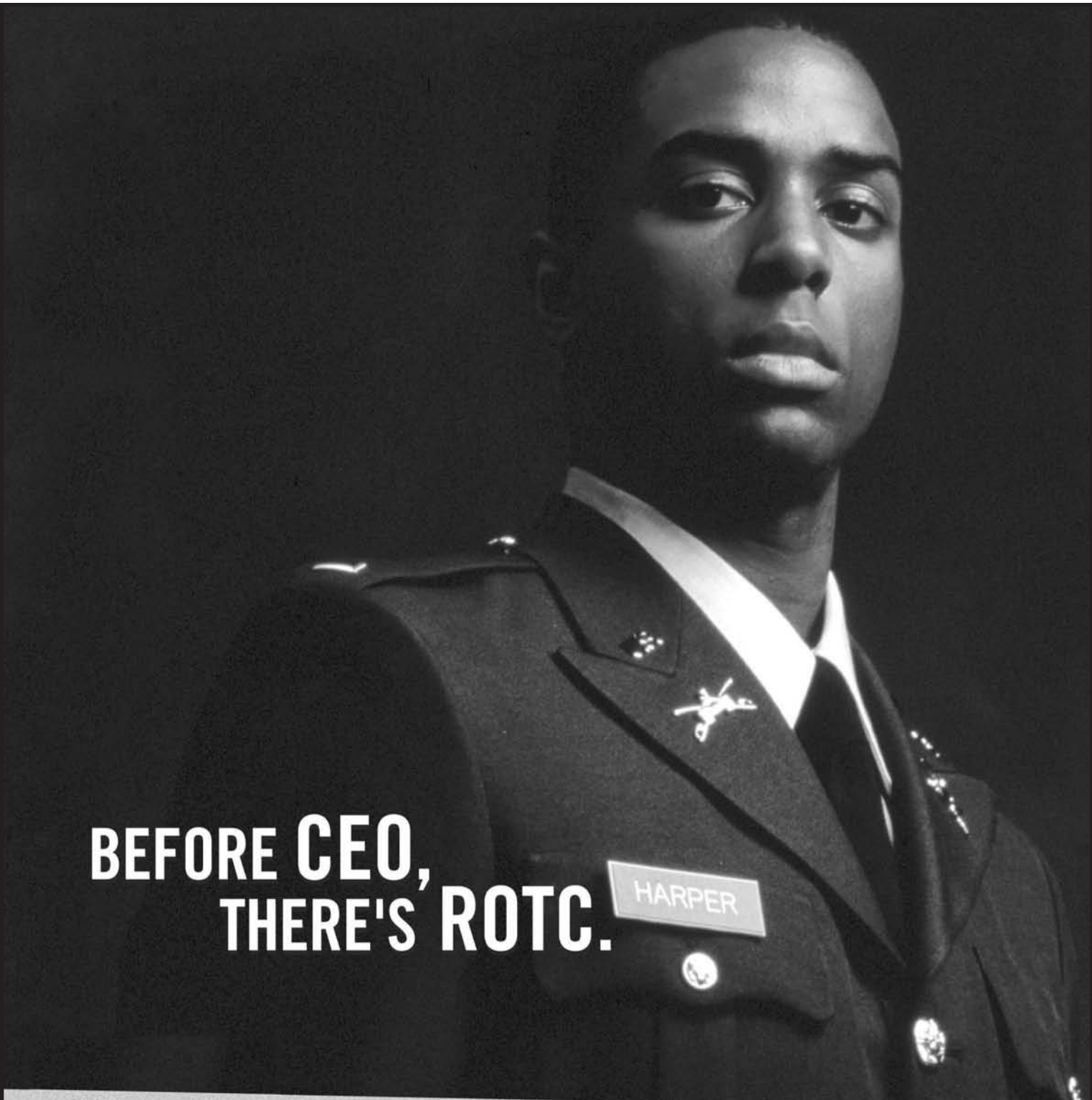
In correctly refuting too early a conclusion, your summary opens up the possibilities. It doesn't exclude any reasonable explanations and Robertson's is one and there may be others as well.

It is also worth commenting on the clear fact that public servants like Nichol who do not volunteer evidence in their possession but have to have it FOIAed out of them are acting strangely indeed.

There is no reason for Nichol to drag the resolution of the current unhappy impasse out any longer, much less cast suspicion on his predecessor while hiding material documents from the public he is supposed to be serving.

Nichol may be innocent of the Gazette's accusations, but these counterproductive, legalistic delaying tactics from a former law school dean cannot help but continue to generate reasonable suspicion.

— Thomas H. Lipscomb '61




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Sophomore point guard David Schneider takes a jumper vs. the Hoyas.

Tribe falls 68-53

MEN'S BASKETBALL *from page 8*

"I thought, quite frankly, that we got a little impatient," Head Coach Tony Shaver said in a postgame interview on the Tribe radio network. "Against the zone, you're going to get that open three on the first pass sometimes. But we've got to keep shooting that shot for the season."

A drop-off in shooting percentage hindered the College's chances as well; after shooting 45.8 percent in the first half, the Tribe hit just 28.1 percent in the second half. Moreover, the College converted only nine of its 33 three-point attempts as senior guard Nathan Mann and Kisielius went a combined three of 16 from behind the arc.

"We've got to shoot the ball well to be a great basketball team," Shaver said. "We got great looks at it and we had great shooters miss open jump shots."

Meanwhile, Georgetown got hot and connected on 59.1 percent of its second-half field goals. This combination eventually allowed the Hoyas to build a double-digit lead and seal the victory. In addition to Hibbert's production, Georgetown's backcourt tandem of junior Jessie Sapp and senior Jonathan Wallace recorded 18 and 15 points respectively, and combined for 10 of the Hoyas' 12 assists.

The Tribe hits the road Thursday for Raleigh, N.C. and a 7 p.m. meeting with no. 21 North Carolina State University. The College last played the Wolfpack Jan. 11, 1995 when it fell 80-64.

Thank you Megan!



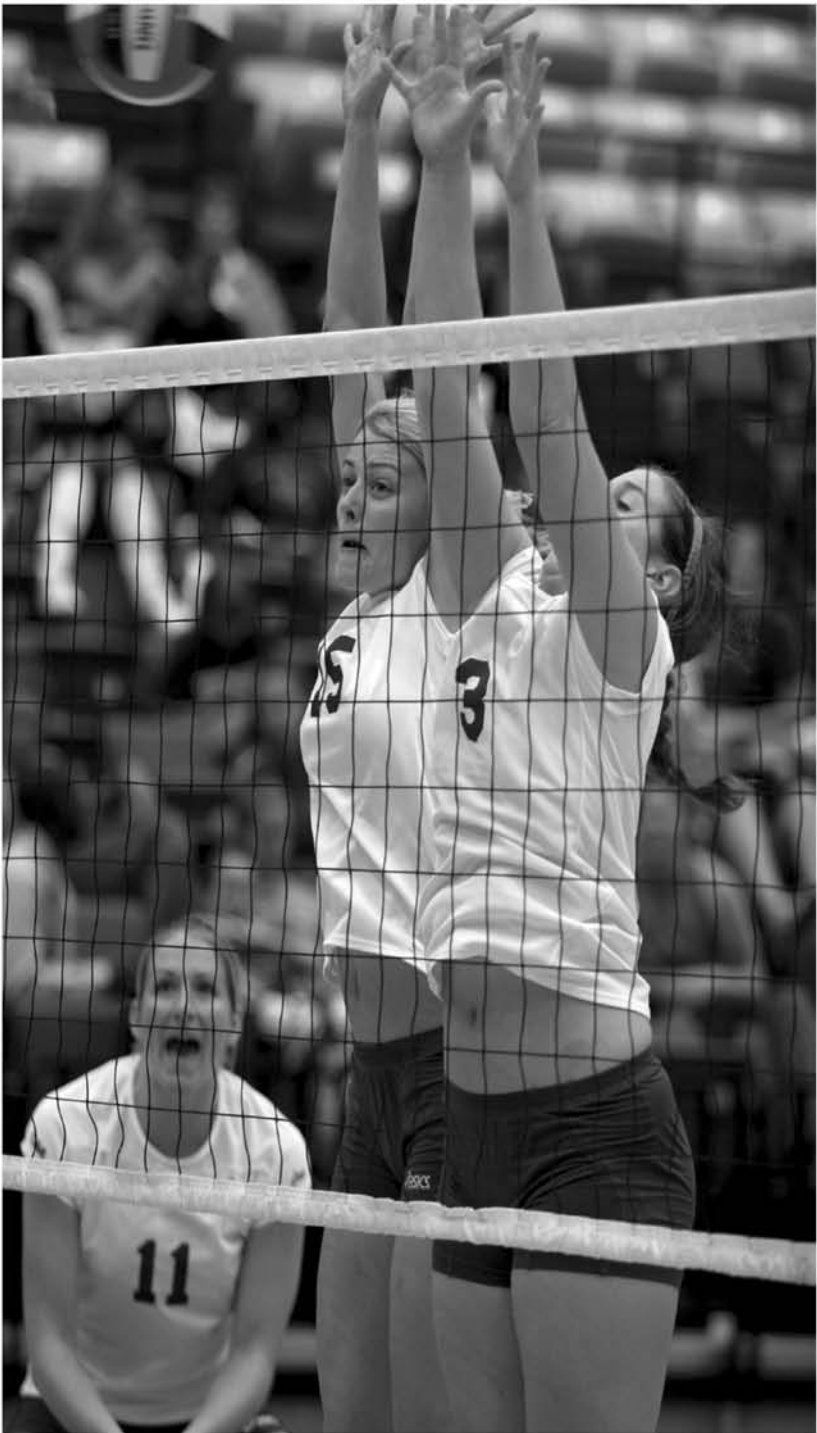
The William and Mary volleyball team would like to recognize the contributions of our senior middle blocker, Megan McInnes #15. Thank you Megan for your great attitude, your enormous work ethic, and your selfless effort to be the consummate team player. A job well done.

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to climb the rock strewn road.*

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the headiest peaks alone,
And transform every stumbling block
into a stepping stone."*

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Megan McInnes, #15



MEN’S SOCCER: CAA TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

Tribe prepares for Towson in CAAs

By **CHRIS WEIDMAN**
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Making its first appearance in the CAA playoffs since 2004, the no. 5-seeded men’s soccer team (9-8-3 CAA 6-4-1) will travel to no. 4-seeded Towson University (10-7-1 CAA 7-4) to kick off the CAA postseason Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The game is the second meeting of the season between the two squads, as Towson scored on a late overtime goal to beat the Tribe 1-0 at Towson Oct. 19.

“It is a good match-up,” Head Coach Chris Norris said. “We felt like our first result was very unfortunate. The team’s attitude is loose, [and] we are playing really well.”

The first match of the year saw the Tribe battle the Tigers into overtime before Towson midfielder Pat Healy headed in the game-winner just as time expired in the first overtime.

“Earlier in the season we had the advantage in shots. They took us in OT, anything can happen in OT, and they got a late goal,” redshirt freshman goalie Andrew McAdams said. “We had the better of a lot of statistical categories, but in the end that doesn’t mean much.”

The Tribe outshot the Tigers 13-12 in their previous meeting, including an 8-4 advantage in the second half.

The College has prided itself on defense all year, tallying nine shutouts to date and giving up only 1.05 goals per match. Towson comes into the game with a high-powered

offense having netted 35 goals this year to the Tribe’s 19.

McAdams feels that the Tribe’s defense stacks up against the relentless Tiger offense.

“Our formation sets up well against [Towson],” McAdams said. “We have to play sound defense and hope to get a couple of breaks and get a couple of goals.”

The offense, led by sophomore Price Thomas and redshirt freshman Alan Koger, will look to break through the Towson defense that has allowed its opponents to gain a 265-212 lead in shots and a 113-61 edge in corner kicks this year. Thomas has seven goals on the season to lead the College and rank seventh in the CAA.

“We are pretty confident [heading into the game],” junior captain and

midfielder Doug McBride said. “In the regular season we had the better game. We are looking forward to playing against them again and getting a better result.

“We are playing very well as a team and possessing and moving off of the ball really well. We need to work on getting forward and finishing our opportunities, it will be a major factor in the game.”

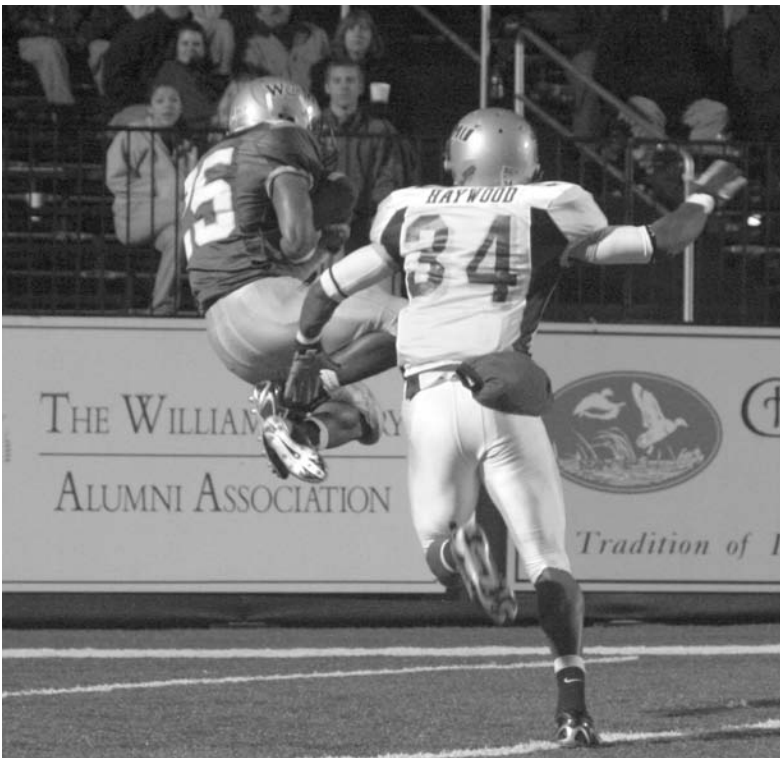
The Tigers are 15-1-2 when playing at home since late 2005. Three of the Tribe’s four CAA losses this season have come on the road, but the team will look to reverse this trend Tuesday.

The winner of the match will advance to face the top-seeded Drexel University Dragons Nov. 16 in the CAA semifinals in Virginia Beach.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore midfielder Price Thomas and the Tribe will face off against fourth-seeded Towson University today at 2 p.m.

Landers, Dukes run past Tribe 55-34; College now 4-6



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Redshirt freshman running back Courtland Marriner (left) leaps to pull in a third-quarter touchdown pass. Senior tight end Drew Atchison (right) loses a pass between two JMU defenders. Atchison scored in the second quarter on an 18-yard reception, his only catch of the contest.

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From week one, the offense has been decimated by injury, and it showed Saturday. The Tribe’s top two wide receivers, junior D.J. McAulay and redshirt senior Joe Nicholas, have been out for the better part of the season. The team’s first two options at running back, redshirt junior DeBrian Holmes and redshirt senior Tony Viola, were also on the sidelines. Even redshirt freshman running back Courtland Marriner, who started against JMU, has been hampered by a hand injury all season.

Redshirt freshmen Ben Cottingham, Evan Francks and Michael Alvarado all saw significant action Saturday on defense due to injuries, while true freshman Terrence Riggins, Marriner and redshirt freshman Cameron Dohse factored into the Tribe’s offensive plans. No matter how much potential these players have, it is hard to expect them to make a significant impact in a big game with so little experience, and they could not.

Inconsistent play, which has also beleaguered the team’s chances for success through the season, reared its ugly head again this weekend. The offensive line, boasting the largest contingent of upperclassmen on the Tribe’s roster, has battled through a season

full of ups and downs, while the College’s collection of young talent, including last year’s breakout stars redshirt sophomores Adrian Tracy and C.J. Herbert, saw their production waver during rocky sophomore campaigns. The Dukes blew past the offensive line on multiple occasions Saturday, sacking redshirt junior quarterback Jake Phillips three times.

The arrival of new defensive coordinator Bob Shoop, whose presence was supposed to reinvigorate a Tribe defense that suffered from lapses in 2006, has for the most part been a disappointment this year, and Saturday was no exception. In the Tribe’s six losses, the team has allowed an average of 49.5 points. Against JMU, the defense looked completely overmatched, allowing 371 rushing yards and 460 overall.

Missed chances and poor special teams continue to plague the Tribe as well. Failure to convert on field goals cost the Tribe against the University of Massachusetts, while failure to get off punts and tackle on kickoffs led to two blocked punts and three easy scores for the Dukes this weekend.

Redshirt junior receiver Elliot Mack, who made an excellent play to steal an interception from a JMU defender on the Tribe’s first drive, lost a sure touchdown catch in the lights on the Tribe’s second possession. Senior tight



end Drew Atchison, who turned in multiple 100-yard receiving games earlier this year, caught just one pass for 18 yards in his final home game. Marriner and Riggins showed only flashes of their true potential thanks to difficulty hitting holes and picking up blockers.

Make no mistake, the College possesses a host of young and maturing talent. The kind of talent that Tracy and Herbert showed as hard-hitting and fearless freshmen will surely manifest itself again over their college careers, and the speed and power that Marriner and Riggins displayed this season will only grow as their careers progress. And don’t forget Phillips, who has the chance to expand on his breakout season with one more year of eligibility and most of his key weapons returning.

However, for the Tribe to be successful in the future, the team must grow up, and a big part of that is learning to limit inconsistencies and play with confidence. The sporadic flashes of greatness that the Tribe showed Saturday will not be enough come next year, when the team’s potential will be expected to turn into on-the-field results. Examining games like this last one will go a long way toward correcting the problems that the College has faced all season.

GAME STORY from page 8

away from his JMU defender and sped down the sideline for the touchdown, giving the College an early 7-0 lead.

The Dukes answered immediately, however, marching 57 yards on 11 plays and scoring on Yancey’s one-yard touchdown run.

JMU then reached into its bag of tricks, as kicker Dave Stannard recovered his own onsides kick at the 42-yard line. The Dukes took advantage of the extra possession, taking the ball 58 yards into the end zone on a 10-play drive that was once again capped off by a 1-yard touchdown run by Yancey.

“[The Tribe defense] kept drifting to one side, so we just ran to the other side,” Yancey said.

The Tribe turned the ball over on downs its next possession, and Landers quickly capitalized, ripping off a 34-yard run, during which he sliced right up the gut of the defense, then broke it down the left sideline, showcasing his blazing speed.

“He’s tough to defend,” Head Coach Jimmyme Laycock said of Landers. “You get one guy on him and he makes you miss and ‘lookout.’”

The Dukes added an additional 17 points to their lead before halftime, making the score 38-14 at the break. In the first half alone, JMU rushed for 281 yards and five touchdowns. They finished the game with 371 yards and six scores on the ground. “Defensively, we really struggled,” Laycock said.

Down 48-14 in the third quarter, Phillips and the rest of the Tribe offense began to cut into the Dukes’ lead, driving 71 yards on 12 plays for a touchdown. The big play of the drive came when Mack made a leaping reception over his defender for a 41-yard gain. Three plays later, on fourth down from the one-yard line, freshman running back Terrence Riggins punched the ball in for a score.

The College caught a break on the ensuing kickoff, as redshirt freshman kicker Brian Pate recovered his own kickoff after his pooch kick was fumbled by the Dukes.

The Tribe capitalized three plays later, as redshirt freshman running back Courtland Marriner blazed past his defender to haul in a perfectly thrown pass by Phillips for a 23-yard score. Phillips finished the game with 219 yards and three TDs on 14 of 24 passing.

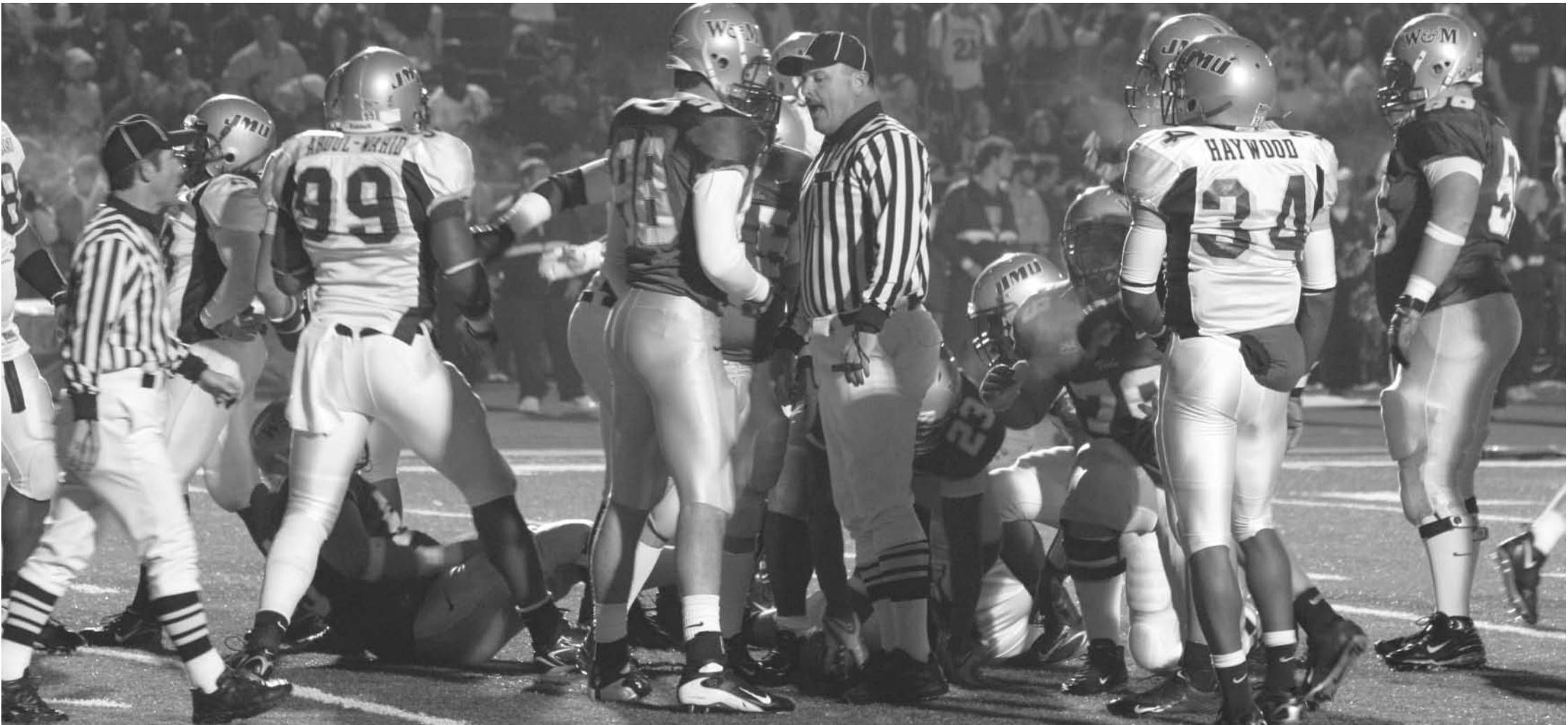
“I thought by and large [Phillips] played really well,” Laycock said. Laycock also said that he was impressed with his junior quarterback’s leadership ability in bringing his team back in the midst of a large deficit.

“He’s always like that,” Laycock said.

Landers and the Dukes then squelched any remaining hopes of a Tribe comeback by taking 7:35 off the clock with a 16-play, 80-yard drive that ended in Landers’ first TD pass of the game.

Senior quarterback Mike Potts entered the game late in the fourth quarter and led the offense on a five-play, 46-yard drive that ended with a 24-yard TD catch by sophomore wideout R.J. Archer, creating the final margin of 55-34.

The loss drops the Tribe to 4-6 on the season, and 2-4 in the CAA. They will play their season finale next Saturday on the road against the University of Richmond.



ALEX HAGLUND — THE FLAT HAT
Sophomore tight end Rob Varno has a discussion with an official during the Tribe’s 55-34 home loss Saturday night against James Madison University. The Dukes have won their last four games against the Tribe.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tribe opens season with back-to-back victories

The College opened up their season with a pair of wins at the ISES Cancer Awareness Tip-Off in Elon, N.C. In the Friday night opener, senior Devin James led the College with 22 points and seven rebounds in defeating Campbell University 71-53. The Tribe enjoyed a 42-13 halftime advantage on their way to shooting 42.9 percent from the field for the evening. The night also included James's 1,000th career point on a jumper midway through the first half.

They continued their strong play a day later, besting the University of Pennsylvania 87-64 to post their first 2-0 start since the 1999-2000 season. James again led the Tribe with 12 points, seven rebounds and nine assists, while the team tied a school record in sinking 13 three-pointers. James's weekend performance earned her a share of the CAA player of the week award.

VOLLEYBALL

College defeats Towson, earns CAA tournament bid

In their regular-season finale, the Tribe clinched a spot in the CAA tournament, besting Towson University 3-0 (30-25, 30-17, 30-20). With Head Coach Debbie Hill coaching her final home match after 30 years at the helm, the College outthit Towson .303-.078 in the win. Sophomore Bryana Carey led the team, posting 10 kills, while freshman Erin Skipper accumulated 13 put-aways. Junior Kim Mount provided 36 assists, while on the defensive side, classmate Jill Nowadly totaled 14 digs. Senior Megan McInnes served the match's opening point, concluding her collegiate career after missing the entire season due to injury. Thanks to the victory, the Tribe will resume play Friday at 5 p.m. against James Madison University in the opening round of the CAA tournament in Newark, Del.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Landry, Fitzgerald lead Tribe back to nationals

The 25th-ranked College placed third in Saturday's Southeast Regional meet in Louisville, Ky. and earned its 11th-consecutive bid to the NCAA Championships. Saturday's regional meet saw the top-three teams finish within five points of each other as no. 11 North Carolina State University edged no. 13 Louisville University 69-70 with the College recording 74 points for third. The Tribe's defeat of ninth-ranked University of Virginia pushed the College into the national meet via an at-large bid. Seniors Christo Landry and Ian Fitzgerald led the Tribe, placing fourth and sixth respectively. Also placing in the top 25 and earning all-region honors were sophomore Ben Massam, 15th, and redshirt freshman Patterson Wilhelm, 23rd.

— By Matt Poms and Andrew Pike

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MEN'S SOCCER

@ Towson (CAA Quarterfinals)
— 2 p.m.

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MEN'S SOCCER

The College gears up for its CAA tournament match versus Towson today. See MEN'S SOCCER page 7.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tribe to face Hoyas in NCAA tourney

By JACK POLLOCK

Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Tribe earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament Monday and will face off against Georgetown University.

The College will head to Charlottesville, Va. to take on the 14-7 Hoyas in the first round of the tournament Friday at 7:30 p.m. The team earned the spot after taking the CAA regular-season title with a 14-4-2 record. Despite their 5-4 loss in penalty kicks to Virginia Commonwealth University in the semifinals of the CAA tournament, convincing wins against fourth-ranked

University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill and Hofstra University ensured the Tribe a playoff berth.

"I think the selection was fair enough. I knew that we wouldn't be [one of the top 16 seeded teams], but we are very happy with our spot," Head Coach John Daly said.

Georgetown will be a formidable opponent for the College. With notable wins against the University of Louisville and the University of Connecticut, the Hoyas have a powerful offense.

"We didn't play them in the regular season, but I know they've got some good players and it will be a good matchup for

us," Daly said.

Freshman Ingrid Wells provides a spark on offense for the Hoyas, ranking sixth nationally in assists per game.

The Tribe will rely heavily on its defense, a unit that has created problems for opponents all season. Allowing only .433 goals per game and shutting out opponents 65 percent of the time, the Tribe defense has proven itself as one of the strongest in the nation.

"We've still got a couple of injuries, which have given us some concern heading into the first round, but we should be okay on Friday," Daly said.

The Tribe fell to VCU 5-4 in penalty

kicks following a 0-0 tie in the semifinals of the CAA tournament.

The Tribe out-shot the Rams 14-5, but after 110 minutes of play and two overtimes, both teams remained scoreless.

"Their tactic was to bunker in and try to force overtime because they didn't have too many offensive opportunities," senior midfielder Mary MacKenzie Grier said.

In penalty kicks, the teams matched each other shot for shot. Grier, senior Brittany Bode and freshmen Danielle Axenfeld and Katy Winsper all answered the Rams' goals, tying 4-4, before VCU's Laurel Pastor scored in the eighth round to give the Rams a 5-4 victory.

Tribe 34 JMU 55

Overwhelming defeat



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JMU running back Antoine Bolton pounds through Tribe tacklers in the Dukes' 55-34 victory at Zable Stadium Saturday night. The Dukes racked up 371 yards on the ground.

COMMENTARY

Loss indicative of disappointing year

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After a firm walloping at the hands of James Madison University that left the College sporting a mediocre 4-6 record, Head Coach Jimmie Laycock and his staff must now be asking themselves what the Tribe can take from this year as they move forward. If Laycock is seeking to address the problems his team has faced all season, the JMU game is a good place to start.

In fact, this weekend's loss serves as a microcosm of everything that has gone wrong this year for the College, starting with injuries.

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BY THE NUMBERS

Game Stats

RUSHING YARDS

Tribe — 371

JMU — 102

PASSING YARDS

Tribe — 253

JMU — 89

3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS

Tribe — 0 of 9

JMU — 8 of 13

Individual Stats

PASSING

Jake Phillips — 14-24, 219 yards, 3 touchdowns

RUSHING

Terrence Riggins — 39 yards, 1 TD

RECEIVING

Elliot Mack — 5 catches for 128 yards, 1 TD

R.J. Archer — 6 catches for 74 yards, 1 TD

GAME STORY

Landers, Dukes' run game blow past Tribe

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Quarterback Rodney Landers and the rest of James Madison University's offense ran right past the Tribe defense en route to a 55-34 blowout victory at Zable Stadium Saturday night. The win was JMU's fourth-straight victory against the College.

Landers finished the night with 171 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, in addition to throwing for another score, while running back Griff Yancey added 132 yards and three TDs of his own.

The Dukes ran their option-

style rushing attack to perfection, leaving the Tribe with no way to stop them.

"Even if we're reading our keys, we didn't really know who had the ball," sophomore safety David Caldwell said. "That's something we really stressed; running to the ball. But when [the other team] has great athletes with that offense, it's real hard to stop."

The Tribe drew first blood on their opening possession, scoring on a three-play drive that was capped by Elliot Mack's 52-yard juggling catch and run, as he ripped the ball

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MEN'S BASKETBALL: TRIBE 53, GEORGETOWN 68

College hangs with no. 5 G-town

Tribe closes to within two twice during second half

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Senior guard Nathan Mann.

In both teams' season opener, Georgetown University (1-0) pulled away late and handed the College (0-1) a 68-53 defeat Saturday in Washington, D.C. The fifth-ranked Hoyas shot 50 percent from the floor and had four players reach double-figures in points. 7'2" senior center Roy Hibbert scored a game-high 23 on 9-11 shooting and his 15-point second half helped Georgetown gain control of the game.

The first half featured six ties and

nine lead changes as the College held its own behind big first half performances from senior forward Laimis Kisielius and sophomore guard David Schneider. Kisielius scored all of his team-high 16 points in the first half, while Schneider connected on three three-pointers for nine first-half points. The pair combined for nine of the Tribe's 11 first-half field goals and four of five three-pointers, but both cooled off in the second half with Schneider scoring five for a 14-point game.

A jumper and three-pointer from Kisielius and Schneider gave the College its largest lead of five just 56 seconds into

the game. From there the game seesawed back and forth, as neither team could take control. The Hoyas took a five-point lead into halftime and held off the Tribe in the second-half to claim victory.

The College cut the deficit to two twice, but failed to get any closer. A quick 5-0 run brought the College to within two with 18:30 remaining, and nearly nine minutes later, Schneider's fourth three-pointer of the game cut the deficit to two again. With multiple chances to tie or take the lead, empty possessions hamstrung the Tribe.

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